(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state what steps have been taken for ferry service between Arur and Eda Cochin points?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Expenditure on public works pending sanction.

157. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any Executive Engineer or Engineers spent money in 1104 on works that had not been sanctioned;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, (i) the name of such Engineer or Engineers and (ii) the work or works for which money was thus spent without sanction;

(*c*) the period with dates during which such work or works were executed;

(*d*) whether such expenditure without sanction is allowed by the rules;

(*e*) the date or dates on which such unauthorised expenditure came to the notice of the Chief Engineer;

(*f*) whether the Chief Engineer inspected such works, and, if so, the dates of such inspection;

(*g*) whether periodical returns of the works done and the amounts spent on them are submitted to the Chief Engineer by the Executive Engineers;

(*h*) the dates on which the returns were received by the Chief Engineer in which the above-said unauthorised work or works were mentioned;

(*i*) the nature of the action, if any, the Chief Engineer took in respect of the conduct of such work or works, when they were brought to his notice; and

(*j*) what action, if any, has been taken by the Chief Engineer and the Government in regard to the conduct of such Executive Engineer or Engineers and the dates of taking such action?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) (i) Ag. Executive Engineer Mr. George Philip.

(ii) Improvement and widening works to roads in the Kottayam P. W. Division.

(*c*) Mostly prior to the 1st Medam 1104.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) 24th June 1929.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Yes; but the returns did not show separately the works unauthorisedly done as they were temporarily charged to maintenance.

(*h*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*g*).

(*i*) The Chief Engineer has instructed Mr. V. Harihara Aiyar the present Ag. Executive Engineer, Kottayam, to inspect and check-measure the works done.

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[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*i*) The explanation of Mr. George Philip has been called for on 29th June 1929.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know the amount that was spent by the officer without authority?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Rs. 95,374.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the Member what would be the length of time during which this unauthorised expenditure was incurred by the Executive Engineer.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Very probably up to Medam of this year.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the answer to parts (*g*) and (*h*) of the question, may I know how the Chief Engineer came to know of this expenditure having been incurred?

The parts read as follows:—

(*g*) whether periodical returns of the works done and the amounts spent on them are submitted to Chief Engineer by the Executive Engineers;

(*h*) the dates on which the returns were received by the Chief Engineer in which the above-said unauthorised work or works were mentioned;

The answers to the questions are:—

(*g*) Yes; but the returns did not show separately the works unauthorisedly done as they were temporarily charged to maintenance.

(*h*) This does not araise in view of the answer to part (*g*).

I wish to know how the Chief Engineer came to know of this unauthorised expenditure.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer given is that such returns as are prescribed were received by the Chief Engineer. But there was nothing in them to indicate that the expenditure was unauthorised.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): So, I wish to know from the member how the Chief Engineer came to know that the executive Engineer incurred the expenditure.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This was known when the bills came up. The Division Officer had to apply for additional funds. An enquiry was made and then it was brought out that these works were executed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the bills have been paid now?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Arrangements are being made to pay them.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from what allotment this expenditure will be met?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has got a reserve fund with him.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Has any explanation been received from the Division Officer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has received the officers's explanation.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the purport of that explanation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is not before the Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Has Mr. Harihara Aiyar submitted a report?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it before the Government now or with the Chief Engineer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is also with the Chief Engineer.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is this officer in active service now.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, he is.

Distribution of copies of the P. W. D. Code to P. W. D. Officers.

158. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any P. W. D. Code in force at present (2nd Karkatakam 1104); and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether copies of it have been issued to all the Division, Sub-Division and Section Officers?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

Condition of the lanes and channels on the sides of the S. M. V. School, Vanchiyur.

159. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(*a*) of the highly insanitary condition of the lanes and channels on the northern, eastern and southern sides of the Sri Mula Vilasam English High School, Trivandrum; and

(*b*) that a large number of students and others use these lanes?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether they have considered the desirability of widening and improving these lanes by covering up the channels?

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